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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jack A. Dant
Serial No.: 10/663,212
Filed: September 15, 2003
Confirmation No.: 2345
Group Art Unit: 3733
Examiner: Swiger III, James L.
Title: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SPINAL DISTRACTION
USING A FLIP-FLOP PORTAL**
Atty. Docket: ZMS-MI15US

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

April 5, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on December 5, 2006 for a period of one (1) month.
2. Applicant is

a small entity
 other than a small entity

3. Extension of

<u>(months)</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee \$120.00

4. Amendment

is being filed herewith
 has been filed on []

5. Fee Payment

See electronic fee calculation sheet.

6. Charge extension fee of \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 23-3000. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

7. Charge any additional extension fee required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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